Appendix I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 306 asked by Sri K. P. Gopalan at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 23rd March 1954, page 783 supra.]

An order under section 41 of the Madras City Police Act prohibiting processions, etc., passed by the Commissioner of Police and applicable to the whole of the City is already in force. The Commissioner of Police had good reasons to believe that attempts might be made by certain individuals and organisations to stage demonstrations in thoroughfares and areas that adjoin the Assembly buildings, while the Legislature is in session. With a view to maintain public peace which would be endangered by demonstrations and counter-demonstrations of rival sections, the Commissioner of Police issued the special order under section 41 of the Madras City Police Act. The decorum and the orderly proceedings of the House must be protected from disturbance. No new restrictions were placed on the public; the object of passing a separate order was specially to invite the attention of the public to the necessity for a strict compliance with the order in the areas specified during the session of the Legislative Assembly.

Appendix II.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 319 asked by Sri N. K. Palanisami at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 23rd March 1954, page 799 supra.]

The Government of India have so far allotted to this State Rs. 43,67,925 as loans and Rs. 46,87,959 as grants from the cess levied on mill cloth, for the development of handloom industry in this State. The following schemes for the utilization of the loans and grants allotted have been approved by the Government of India :—

I. Admission of 33,100 weavers in the existing and new weavers' co-operative societies with loans granted towards the share capital of the weavers.

II. Expansion of the organization of the Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society for internal marketing and propaganda for sale of handloom cloth. This scheme consists of (1) opening of sales depots in rural and semi-urban areas, (2) central depots to feed the depots, (3) establishment of depots in other States, (4) employment of staff for supervision of the depots, (5) purchase of vans to serve as mobile shops and (6) progapanda for popularizing handloom cloth and publicity for handloom cloth through journals, wall posters, etc.

III. Research for improvement in designs and better technique.

This scheme consists of (1) setting up of standardization committees with the view to fixing the standards of the varieties of cloth moving quickly in the respective areas, (2) supply of

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standard reeds to weavers, (3) supply of devices to weavers to regulate picks, (4) supply of ready made warps to weavers, (5) staff for inspection and stamping of cloth, (6) starting of dye-houses by co-operative societies with a view to guaranteeing the fastness of coloured yarn used in the cloth and also to keep down the cost of dyeing yarn to the minimum, (7) appointment of a committee for improvement of designs and award of prizes for best designs, (8) starting of pattern making factories and (9) supply of pedal loom to societies.

IV. Rebate to consumers on sales of handloom cloth at the rate of 1½ annas in a rupee for purchases worth about Rs. 5 and above.

V. Grant of a loan of Rs. 10 lakhs to South India Co-operative Spinning Mill for supply of yarn to co-operative societies at reasonable prices.

VI. Setting up of a separate administrative unit in the office of Registrar of Co-operative Societies to execute control and progress the schemes financed from cess fund.

VII. Loan of Rs. 6 lakhs to the Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society for sending samples of handloom cloth to India-Canada Trading Corporation, Toranto, Canada.

VIII. Loan of Rs. 1,40,000 to the Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society for purchase and supply of handloom cloth to central depots.

Schemes I, III, IV and VI and certain items of Scheme II have been introduced and Schemes VII and VIII will be given effect to shortly.

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